

Public Notice

Elevated Lead Levels Detected in Science Room Sinks

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

We want to update you about the results of water testing conducted at Days Creek Charter School. On September 30, 2024, water samples from the science room sinks were tested, and the results showed a lead level of 0.018 parts per million (PPM). The Oregon Health Authority's allowable level is 0.015 PPM. We have previously informed the community of this event but wanted to give an update.

The science room faucets have been labeled as non-potable water, not for drinking purposes. All other water fixtures throughout the school were also tested and are confirmed to be safe for drinking and general use. We are working with the state to resolve the issue in the science room and have implemented the attached public information on lead in drinking water and a corrosion control plan to address the issue. Our tests for 2025 came back within acceptable limits.

The health and well-being of our students, staff, and community remain our top priorities. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact the school office at (541) 825-3296.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to maintain a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,
Matt Giles
Water Operator
Days Creek Charter School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Days Creek Charter School PWS: 4192191 Water May Contain Higher Levels of Lead

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead. The tests show lead levels in the water above the limit, or action level, so we installed corrosion control treatment on 11/1/25. This treatment helps prevent lead in the pipes from dissolving into the water. During the last six-month period, we failed to consistently meet treatment technique requirements for our corrosion control system. On September 30, 2024 we failed to meet our minimum lead concentration levels of 0.015 PPM. One of the faucets in the science room tested for 0.018PPM which is 0.003 PPM above the maximum contaminant level for lead.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead:

- \$ Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
- \$ Find out whether your pipes contain lead or lead solder.
 - \$ Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead from the pipes.
- \$ Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
- \$ **Do not boil your water to remove lead.** Excessive boiling water makes the lead more concentrated and the lead remains when the water evaporates.

What does this mean?

Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What happened? What is being done?

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Please note proper flushing of lines resulted in water samples in 2025 that were within compliance. The goal is to keep the lines flushed routinely to ensure that water does not stagnate in the faucets. All other water fixtures throughout the school were also tested and are confirmed to be within parameters and safe for general use. We are working with the OHA and our county water representative to resolve the issue. The faucets in the science room that are at issue have been labeled as non-potable water not to be used for drinking or consumption and are being flushed quarterly. The health and well-being of our students, staff, and community remain our top priorities. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact the phone number below.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Corrosion control treatment is now functioning properly and meeting all the requirements.

For more information, please contact **Matt Giles at 541-825-3296** or 11381 Tiller Trail Hwy, Days Creek, OR 97429 .

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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